Mountain Weather Forecast

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Thursday 23 Mar 2023 until 23:59 on Friday 24 Mar 2023

Forecast Issued on Wednesday 22 Mar 2023 at 11:21 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for showery for the coming day, also for colder conditions returning from weekend.

Headline for Thursday 23 Mar 2023: Showers. Strong summit winds bringing severe wind chill at height.

Mountain weather hazards on Thursday 23 Mar 2023

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
No Likelihood

Severe chill effect
Medium Likelihood

Poor visibility
Low Likelihood

Thunderstorms
Low Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Partly cloudy (night)	Light snow showers (night)	Light snow showers	Light snow showers	Light snow showers	Heavy snow showers	Sleet showers	Heavy rain showers
Precipitation probability							
20%	30%	40%	30%	40%	40%	40%	40%

Forecast for Thursday 23 Mar 2023

Weather: A day of showers and clear then brighter spells. Outbreaks mainly towards the Great Glen and south of the A87, with some heavy bringing a risk of thunder and hail, chiefly through the afternoon. Snow level 600-700m. Snow level 600-700m lifting 900m by midnight.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 80% for any given time but limited chance of extended clear periods given the showery nature of the flow

Low cloud and visibility: Good becoming moderate or poor in rain showers, very poor in snow and within cloud with bases lowering 450-600m at times, particularly as showers swing through.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	24/31 S	25/32 SW	26/34 SW	27/34 S	25/33 SW	23/30 S	20/25 S	19/23 SE	17/22 SE
900	23/30 S	24/31 SW	25/33 SW	25/33 S	23/31 SW	21/28 S	18/23 S	17/22 SE	16/21 SE
600	16/22 S	16/24 SW	18/26 SW	19/26 S	17/25 SW	16/23 S	11/17 S	11/16 SE	11/16 SE
300	5/21 S	5/23 SW	7/24 SW	7/24 S	8/23 SW	6/21 S	4/16 S	3/14 SE	4/14 SE
Glen	8/19 S	8/20 S	12/24 S	11/21 S	8/18 S	10/20 SW	5/14 S	5/13 SE	6/14 SE

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	-1/-8	-1/-8	-2/-9	-1/-9	-1/-8	-0/-7	0/-6	-1/-7	-1/-7
900	-0/-7	-0/-7	-1/-8	-0/-8	0/-7	0/-6	1/-5	-0/-6	-0/-6
600	2/-3	2/-4	1/-4	2/-4	2/-3	3/-2	3/-1	2/-2	2/-2
300	4/2	3/1	3/0	4/1	5/2	6/3	6/4	4/2	3/2
Glen	6/4	6/4	6/2	6/3	7/5	8/6	8/6	7/5	6/5
Freezing Level*	900m	900m	700m	800m	800m	900m	900m	1100m	1100m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Severe wind chill across higher peaks

Forecast for Friday 24 Mar 2023

Weather: Another day of showers, these probably more frequent than Thursday, again heavy at times with the risk of hail and thunder heightened for the afternoon. Snow level around 800m.

Maximum wind: South 15-20 mph easing and veering through the day, becoming northwesterly by evening.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 70% for any given time but limited chance of extended clear periods given the showery nature of the flow

Low cloud and visibility: Good becoming moderate or poor in rain showers, very poor in snow and within cloud with bases lowering 300-500m at times, particularly in and around the showers

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 2 Celsius increasing 10 Celsius for the afternoon
At 800m: Zero Celsius
Freezing level: 800m

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